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Varu that the foot-paths from Nandyalampet to Jangammaraju Palli and from Manney Palli to Kandimallayya Palli may be converted to public metal roads;

(b) whether the Engineer of the District Board, Cuddapah, sent any report supporting this request; and

(c) what orders the Government passed thereon?

A.—(a) No such petition has been received by Government.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

Medical

Rewards to Assistant and Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the Agency tracts.

* 382 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. Patnaik Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many Assistant Surgeons and Sub-Assistant Surgeons now serving in the Agency tracts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts are Oriyas or persons who have learnt Oriya and received rewards from Government;

(b) how the knowledge of Oriya on the part of non-Oriya Sub-Assistant Surgeons is tested; and

(c) what the reward offered is?

A.—(a) There are no Oriya Assistant or Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the Agency tracts at present. There are two non-Oriya Sub-Assistant Surgeons who have passed the colloquial examination in Oriya and received rewards.

(b) Candidates for the colloquial examination in Oriya are required to show ability to express themselves clearly and to understand readily what is said to them on some topic connected with the duties they have to perform, so as to afford proof that they are competent to conduct such duties without the aid of an interpreter.

(c) Rs. 250.

Staff employed in the office of the Surgeon-General.

* 383 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the staff employed in the office of the Surgeon-General and also state the number of men drafted from Andhra Desa and from other linguistic areas?

A.—A statement[a] furnishing the information is laid on the table of the House.

Motor Vehicles Taxation

Representation regarding the burden of provincial taxation and licence fees on buses and lorries.

* 384 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations have been made to Government regarding the burden of provincial taxation and excessive licence fees charged by certain local bodies on buses and lorries; and

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 332 infra.